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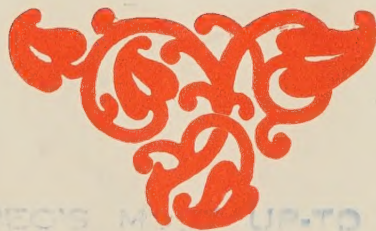
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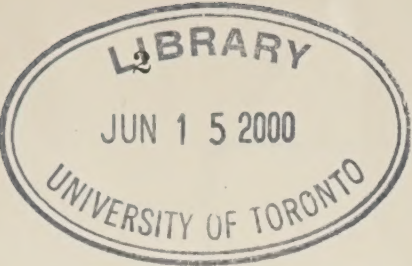
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VOICE

I must go down to the seas a - gain, to the

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lone - ly sea and the sky, — And all I ask is a tall ship and a

poco cresc.

star to steer her by, — And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the

mf

white sail's sha-king, And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn break - -

- ing. I must go down to the seas a-gain, for the call of the run-ning tide— Is a

wild call and a clear call, that may not be de - nied;— And

all I ask is a wind - y day with the white clouds fly - ing, And the

mf

flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea - gulls cry - - ing.

p

I must go down to the seas a - gain, to the vag - rant gyp - sy life, — To the

pesante e cresc.

simile

gull's way and the whale's way, where the wind's like a whet-ted knife;— And

cresc. molto *ff*

all I ask is a mer-ry yarn from a laugh-ing fel-low-ro-ver, And

mf *dim.*

qui-et sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's o - - ver.

p *pp*



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SEA FEVER.

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely
sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her
by;
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the
white sail's shaking,
And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn
breaking.

I must go down to the seas again, for the call of
the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be
denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds
flying,
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the
sea-gulls crying.

I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant
gypsy life,
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the
wind's like a whetted knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing
fellow-rover,
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long
trick's over.

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